

Docket No.: 43888-341

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
: Yoichi IZUMI, et al. :  
: Application No.: : Group Art Unit:  
: Filed: October 12, 2004 : Examiner:  
: For: ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: